

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant	:	Phan et al.
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For	:	METHODS FOR DECREASING NON-SPECIFIC BINDING OF BEADS IN DUAL BEAD ASSAYS INCLUDING RELATED OPTICAL BIODISCS AND DISC DRIVE SYSTEMS
Examiner	:	Betty J. Forman
Group Art Unit	:	1634

**AMENDMENT FILED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION****Mail Stop AF**

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed on October 18, 2005, in connection with the above identified patent application. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the application in view of the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.